

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (currently amended)

An isolated polynucleotide a) containing a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of[:]
a polynucleotide having at least 50% similarity with a polynucleotide coding for a polypeptide having the function of transcription factor and having an amino acid sequence of sequence SEQ ID No: 3, ~~and having the function of transcription factor thereof,~~
a) a complementary polynucleotide of polynucleotide a) and
a polynucleotide comprising at least 15 consecutive bases of the polynucleotide defined in a) or
b).

Claim 33 (currently amended)

A An isolated polynucleotide according to claim 1 32 in that wherein this polynucleotide is a DNA.

Claim 34 (currently amended)

A An isolated polynucleotide according to claim 1 32 in that wherein this polynucleotide is a RNA.

Claim 35 (currently amended)

A An isolated polynucleotide as defined in claim 2 comprising 32 consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No: 1.

Claim 36 (currently amended)

A DNA sequence as defined in claim 1 ~~wherein this 33 having the DNA sequence is that of the CATIII A gene coding for a protein having the biological function of transcription factor of Candida albicans CATIII A containing the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No: 4 2.~~

Claim 37 (currently amended)

A DNA ~~sequence~~ according to claim 5 33 having the sequence starting at nucleotide 720 and finishing at nucleotide 1955 of SEQ ID No: 1.

Claims 38 to 42 (cancelled)

Claim 43 (currently amended)

A process for the preparation of the recombinant protein CATIII A having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 3 comprising expression of the DNA sequence according to claim 5 33 in a host, then isolation and purification of said recombinant protein.

Claim 44 (currently amended)

An expression vector containing the DNA sequence according to claim 33 5.

Claim 45 (currently amended)

A host cell transformed with a vector according to claim 44 14.

Claim 46 (currently amended)

The process of claim 43 13 wherein the host cell is DH5 alpha E.coli or XL1-Blue E.coli.

Claim 47 (currently amended)

The process of claim 43 13 wherein the host cell is Saccharomyces cerevisiae.

Claim 48 (previously presented)

The plasmid deposited at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganisms

CNCM at Institut Pasteur under the number I-2072.

Claim 49 (currently amended)

A kit for the diagnosis of fungal infections comprising a DNA sequence as defined in
claim 32 5 or a functional fragment of this sequence.